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PERSPECTIVES - SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
ON ENERGY

REF: A. GENEVA 4034, B. GENEVA 3770, C. GENEVA 4897

1. AD HOC MEETING ON THE PREPARATION OF THE STUDY ON NEW ISSUES AFFECTING THE ENERGY ECONOMY OF THE ECE REGION IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM, HELD GENEVA 16-17 JUNE 1977, WAS MARKED BY ABSENCE OF DELEGATION FROM USSR. WHILE U.S., CANADA AND MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED, ONLY HUNGARY, POLAND AND ROMANIA WERE PRESENT FROM EAST.

2. EARLY IN MEETING HUNGARIAN DEL MADE OBLIQUE REMARK TO EFFECT THAT WORK ON ENERGY PERSPECTIVES WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL
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BACKGROUND FOR PREPARATION FOR EVENTUAL PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ENERGY. DURING CONSIDERATION OF FINAL REPORT, WHICH CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO HUNGARIAN STATEMENT, POLISH DEL STATED MORE DIRECTLY THAT POLAND SUPPORTED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ENERGY. THIS ELICITED PREPARED RESPONSE FROM UK ON BEHALF OF EC-9 WHICH QUOTED RELEVANT PARAGRAPH OF RESOLUTION I(XXXII) AND

POINTED OUT THAT THIS RESOLUTION GIVES NO MANDATE TO ANY
ECE BODY TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH QUESTION OF HIGH LEVEL
MEETING ON ENERGY.

3. COMMENT: POLISH STATEMENT WAS BURIED AMONG LIST OF
POINTS BEING MADE BY POLISH DEL AND SCARCELY MERITED
STRONG RETORT MADE BY UK. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS OBVIOUSLY
MADE AT BEHEST OF SOVIET MISSION REP LURKING IN CORRIDOR
AND MAY BE SEEN AS INDICATION THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR
HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, LEFT IN LIMBO
BY RESOLUTION I(XXXII), WILL BE RAISED AT ALL RELEVANT
ECE MEETINGS OVER COMING YEAR.

4. WHILE ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK TRIED
TO PUT BEST LIGHT ON SOVIET ABSENCE BY SUGGESTING THAT IT
MIGHT BE DUE TO LOGISTICAL CAUSES RELATED TO SHORT ADVANCE
NOTICE OF AD HOC MEETING, IT IS SEEN BY MOST OBSERVERS HERE
AS INDICATION THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THEY
CAN UTILIZE ENERGY PERSPECTIVES PROJECT AS PREPARATION
FOR EVENTUAL ENERGY CONFERENCE OR WHETHER THIS EXERCISE
WILL DIMINISH POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR
SUCH CONFERENCE. IT MAY BE RECALLED IN CONNECTION WITH
SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION THAT SOVIETS ALSO ABSENTED THEMSELVES FROM
NOVEMBER 1976 MEETING OF TASK FORCE ON MONITORING
AND EVALUATION OF TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION BUT
SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN MONITORING
PROGRAM (GENEVA 298). BETTER INDICATION OF SOVIET
ATTITUDE ON ENERGY PERSPECTIVES PROJECT SHOULD EMERGE
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IN CONNECTION WITH COMPLETION OF QUESTIONNAIRE CONSIDERED
AT AD HOC MEETING AS WELL AS AT FEBRUARY 1978 AD HOC MEETING
OF EXPERTS WHICH WILL CONSIDER BOTH ENERGY PERSPECTIVES
AND ENERGY CONSERVATION.SORENSEN

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